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SUBJECT: US HEROIN MARKET

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1. DEA STUDY ON US HEROIN MARKET RECENTLY DECLASSIFIED AND IN PROCESS DISTRIBUTION. WE ARE TRYING TO ENSURE COPY REACHES YOU PROMPTLY BUT IN VIEW YOUR URGENT REQUIREMENT FOLLOWING ARE KEY PASSAGES WHICH MAY BE USEFUL.

2. STUDY BASED ON ANALYSIS OF HEROIN RECORDS CONTAINED IN DEA LABORATORY AND COLLATERAL INTELLIGENCE. MORE THAN 12,000 RECORDS ANALYZED. CHANGES BETWEEN JULY 71 AND JUNE 73 ARE COVERED. PURITY AND COLOR OF HEROIN WERE ANALYZED BY REGIONS IN US. TECHNIQUE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO IDENTIFY FOREIGN SOURCES OF HEROIN BASED ON IDENTIFICATION OF SECONDARY DRUGS THAT ARE EITHER INTRODUCED DURING FOREIGN PROCESSING OF MORPHINE BASE OR MIXED WITH HEROIN PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO US. FIVE CATEGORIES OF HEROIN IN ASSOCIATION UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH SECONDARY DRUGS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS RELATED WITH

FOREIGN SOURCES. OF THESE WHITE HEROIN UP TO 99 PERCENT PURE TRACEABLE PRIMARILY TO EUROPE.

3. AFTER JULY 1972 A SHARP CHANGE WAS NOTED IN RETAIL HEROIN AVAILABILITY IN EASTERN US. THERE WAS THREE-FOLD INCREASE IN PRICE PER PURE MILLIGRAM RESULTING

PRIMARILY FROM A DECLINE IN PURITY BY A FACTOR OF 2 1/2. COLOR IN EASTERN REGION REMAINED PREDOMINANTLY WHITE. THERE WAS DECLINE IN NARCOTICS-RELATED DEATHS OCCURRING IN MANY EASTERN COAST CITIES DURING PERIOD OF SHORTAGE. INTELLIGENCE FROM BOTH NEW YORK AND EUROPE INDICATED DECREASING EUROPEAN SUPPLIES REACHING US AND SHORTAGE MORPHINE BASE IN EUROPE. DURING FIRST HALF 1972 SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN BROWN HEROIN NOTED IN MID-WEST AND RISE FROM 0 TO 20 PERCENT RECORDED IN EAST. BY MID-1973 VIRTUALLY ALL PURCHASES IN WEST, SOUTHWEST AND MID-WEST WERE BROWN HEROIN INDICATING VERY SHARP SHIFT IN SOURCE AND DISTRIBUTION PATTERN. MEXICO IS PRIMARILY COUNTRY ASSOCIATED WITH BROWN HEROIN THOUGH SOME OTHERS PRODUCE IDENTIFIABLY DIFFERENT BROWN PRODUCT. IN VERY FEW INSTANCES THERE WERE REPORTS THAT WHITE HEROIN HAD BEEN DYED OR MIXED BROWN.

4. REPORT MAKES NO EFFORT IDENTIFY SOURCES OF RAW MATERIAL USED IN REFINING HEROIN. KISSINGER

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